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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES-VISIT OF DR. KENNETH HOYT, EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

1. DR. KENNETH HOYT DEPARTED BUCHAREST JUNE 26 AFTER TEN DAYS OF INTENSIVE AND EXTENSIVE EXPOSURE TO ROMANIAN EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION. HOYT, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFFS, VISIT WIDE VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN BUCHAREST AND BRASOV, RANGING FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS THROUGH MOST IMPORTANT RETRAINING CENTERS. VISITS WERE UNUSUALLY SUBSTANTIVE IN SCOPE, LASTING, IN SOME INSTANCES, AND ENTIRE DAY AND, IN OTHER INSTANCES, CONSISTING OF PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WITH RANKING OFFICIALS FOR AS LONG AS FOUR HOURS.

2. EMBASSY AND HOYT WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN IDENTIFYING AREAS OF MUTUAL U.S.-ROMANIAN CONCERN WITH THE INTENTION OF DEVELOPING PROGRAMS OF FUTURE COLLABORATION IN THE SPECIAL FIELD OF CAREER EDUCATION. IN ORAL WRAP-UP REPORT WITH THE AMBASSADOR, HOYT IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY EIGHT GENERAL AREAS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, BUT PREFERRED TO DEFER SPECIFIC PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL HE HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY HIS EXPERIENCES IN PERSPECTIVE. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH HIS INITIAL CON-
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CLUSIONS, AND EAGERLY AWAITS HIS FINAL REPORT.

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3. DURING HIS VISIT, HOYT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH TWO DEPUTY MINISTERS OF EDUCATION, THREE UNIVERSITY RECTORS, AND NUMEROUS INSTITUTION DIRECTORS, AS WELL AS PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR AND FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION MIRCEA MALITA. IN THESE CONVERSATIONS, HOYT PURSUED THEME OF INTEGRATION OF WORK, STUDY, AND RESEARCH, SURPRISING AND DELIGHTING HIS LISTENERS WITH THE SIMILARITIES OF U.S. CONCERNS TO ROMANIAN PRIORITIES. THIS SAME THEME WAS PURSUED AS HOYT VISITED CENTERS FOR IN-SERVICE TRAINING, SECONDARY SCHOOL PRODUCTION WORKSHOP CENTERS, VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS AND EVEN YOUNG PIONEER HEADQUARTERS.

4. HOYT MADE POSITIVE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL IMPRESSION ON ROMANIANS WITH HIS ABILITY TO SEE HEART OF SITUATION QUICKLY AND TO SHORTCUT VERBAGE TO PINPOINT A PROBLEM. THEY RESPONDED TO HIS OPENNESS AND FRANKNESS, AND REPEATEDLY INVITED HIM TO RETURN TO ROMANIA FOR FURTHER, MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS.

5. EMBASSY MOST PLEASED WITH HOYT VISIT AND FEELS OUR PRELIMINARY EXPECTATIONS AND INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN

SATISFIED. WE BELIEVE POTENTIAL FOR SUBSTANTIVE FOLLOW-UP TO BE SIZEABLE AND PLAN TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY BY SUPPLYING MATERIALS REQUESTED BY VARIOUS ROMANIANS DURING VISIT AND BY ADDITIONAL CONTACT WITH THEM.

6. DETAILS OF VISIT WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPARATE AIRGRAM. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE COPY HOYT REPORT WHEN AVAILABLE. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONVEY APPRECIATION OF POST AND PERSONAL THANKS OF AMBASSADOR TO DR. HOYT FOR

HIS COMMITMENT, COOPERATION, AND CONTRIBUTIONS.
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